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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/797,060	Applicant(s) HARA ET AL.	
	Examiner Susan W. Berman	Art Unit 1711	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 September 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,7 and 8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,7 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Response to Amendment/Arguments

The rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over EP 0 896 043 is withdrawn. It is agreed that EP '043 does not suggest the specific combination of initiators in the parts by mass set forth in the instant claims and the unexpected results documented by the comparative data in the instant specification. It is agreed that the comparative data presented in the instant specification provides evidence of unexpected results. The unexpected results when all four components are employed are improved hardness and bending strength shown in Tables 4-6. The unexpected results are obtained when the photopolymerization initiator comprises each of the four components set forth in the instant claims in combination. However, all the compositions tested comprise the ethylenically unsaturated monomers identified in paragraphs [0039] to [0135] as the polymerizable monomers. Therefore, the instant claims are not considered to be commensurate in scope with the showing of unexpected results. The phrase "polymerizable monomer" encompasses epoxies, thiols, isocyanate and other polymerizable monomers commonly used in dental composites. There is no evidence of record to show that the unexpected results relied upon for patentability are obtained when the polymerizable monomer is other than ethylenically unsaturated monomer. See the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-4, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claims 1 and 8, the recitation of parts by mass of the photopolymerization initiator renders the claims indefinite for the following reasons. It is not clear what the relationship with respect to parts by mass is between the components of the photopolymerization initiator and the components of the composition. It is suggested that applicant incorporate into the claims the disclosed relationship that

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when the parts by mass of polymerizable monomer is 100 pbw, the parts by mass of α -diketone is 0.01-10 pbw (see [0029] in the pre-publication document). The parts by mass of amine (B) and triazine (C) should also be clearly designated as being relative to 100 parts by mass of α -diketone (A).

The claims are indefinite because they do not clearly recite that the polymerizable monomer is an ethylenically unsaturated monomer, such as the (meth)acrylate monomers and oligomers in the compositions relied upon to show unexpected results.

Claims 2 and 3, drawn to a photopolymerization initiator, lack antecedent basis in claim 1, which is now drawn to a one-paste photopolymerizable composition.

Claim 7 is indefinite because it is not clear whether applicant intends to claim a composition or a method for using the composition. If applicant intends to claim a method of using the composition, the claim should recite at least one method step such as applying and photopolymerizing the composition.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Claims 2-4 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

See the discussion under ***Response to Amendment/Arguments*** above.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Susan W. Berman whose telephone number is 571 272 1067. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on 571 272 1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571 273 8300.

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